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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING RETINAL  
NERVE CELLS FROM NEURAL  
STEM/PROGENITOR CELLS DERIVED  
FROM IRIS TISSUE AND RETINAL NERVE  
CELLS OBTAINED BY SAME METHOD

Examiner: Aditi Dutt

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed March 2, 2010 (the Action) which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on June 2, 2010. It is believed that this paper is filed within two months from the mailing date of the Action (as May 2, 2010 is Sunday). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** as reflected in the listing of the claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.